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Letter dated 16 August 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a statement issued by the Government of the Republic of Rwanda on 8 August 1996 on the imposition of sanctions against Burundi.

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of both the General Assembly, under item 43 of the provisional agenda of the fifty-first session, and the Security Council.

(Signed) Gideon KAYINAMURA
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Permanent Representative of Rwanda
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ANNEX

Statement dated 8 August 1996 by the Government of Rwanda on the imposition of sanctions against Burundi

In accordance with the Arusha Declaration of the Regional Summit held on 31 July 1996, the Government of the Republic of Rwanda has decided to stop with effect from 9 August 1996 road and air links with Burundi.

Steps have to be undertaken by the authorities in Bujumbura to return to the Mwanza peace process and the Arusha peace initiative, under the auspices of Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere. Rwanda regards these initiatives as an appropriate mechanism for guaranteeing peace and security for all the people of Burundi.

Rwanda will closely monitor the evolution of events in Burundi and will collaborate with countries in the region for further measures deemed necessary.

The Government of Rwanda directs all relevant government organs to implement this decision.

(Signed) Dr. Anastase GASANA
Minister of Foreign Affairs
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